The Pronosty-

cacyon for euer, of Mayster Erra Pater Astronomyer, the which Pro-nostyke vpon the .iiii. manet of Loo-kes, that come of the .iiii. Complexi-ons. And sheweth the foure Sea-sons of the yere, vpon the .xii. Monethes of blode letteyng, with the Dysposycyon of the dayes of the moone: after her Influence, and Aristotilis de astronomiis af-fyrmeth the same.

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¶ Prologme.

God that all this worlde
hath wrought
And all mankynde, hath
made of nought
And on ỹ crosse vs bought,
with payne and wo
Sende vs grace, here so for to do
That we all synfull mankynde
To that great ioye, we may wende
That he hath bought, vs all to
whan he to death, for vs was do
All thynges, that be done and wrytten
As these great clerkes knowen
wrytten they be, for our profyte
And drawen out, by clerkes wytte
Therfore all, both lesse and more
Take good hede to my lore
what tyme, that it is gode
Man or woman to be letten blode
And I shall, shewe you before
what tyme so, that a chylde be borne
Of that chylde, what shall be fall
His complexyon, and stature all
And dyuers thynges, that is for to done
As sayth the rule, of the moone
For by the moone, without lesynge
Is ruled euery, earthly thynge.

¶ Finis.

THere ben foure maner of Cookes in a mannes bodye of the foure Complexyons. The fyrste is blode, the seconde blacke Cookes, the thyrde fleumes, and the fourthe yelowe Cookes. And yf one of the.iiii. lacke, all the body shuld be anone forthwith dede, for as moche susteyneth one of them the body as the other. And euerych of theym oughte to be at a certayne, for and one of theym surmount the other, all the body shall haue domage therby, and all.iiii. be ryght perylous, for and the blode surmount the other, he myghte esteygner distroye and ouercome the bodye, and make hym to dye, for he gadreth and congeleth euen ryght on the herte, & taketh away the flatte, & spyrre, and the brethe, and ī that maner (lesteygne) and is ouercome & deade. But at that tyme whan the great course taketh hym, he maye soone be aswaged to lesse hym a lytell to take away a lytell blode from hym, and anone all wyll aswage of this peryll.

¶ Also the blacke Cookes be right perylous and they surmounte all the other, they maye domage greatly the bodye, and by many dyuers maners, for they maye cause and make the bodye to fall on the wyll syckenesse, and

lese his wytte and knowledge, and become a foole, and cause also the body to be full of euyll scabbes, and often tymes to be mesell, and maketh a man to be fearefull, and a cowarde, & of many euyll maners. And whan they surmounte the other: they be tyght greuous & domageous. And by herbes, flowrs, fastynge, abstynence, drynkes, and medycynes they may be aswaged.

¶ The fleumes that be whyte be perylous when they surmounte the other Cooles of the bodye, they do great domage and hurte, for they engendre gowtes and many other euyll syckenesses that be colde and they hurte also the fete and the handes, and the taynes and the knees, the legges, and the teth, and make the mouthe and the brethe stynkyng, and the nose and the eeres, and causeth many other dyseases and syckenesses, but they maye be aswaged by herbes, flowres, rotes, drynks, medycynes, & also by vomyssyng.

¶ Also the yelowe Cooles be perylous, for when they surmounte the other Cooles in a mans body, they (assorbent) the herte & traueyll the brayne, and maketh all the membres feble and softe, and taketh awaye the wyll and the apetyte from the bodye, that he may not ete nor drynke. And also they chañ

ye a mans colour, and maketh hym to lose his syght and become blynde, and they may be also aswaged as the other fleumes be, by herbes, flowres, rotes, & by vomyssyng.

¶ These .iiii. humours be of the .iiii. Complexions, and they haue the domynacyon of the body .iiii. tymes in the yeare, and eche of them a quarter of a yeare.

¶ The yere is .xii. monthes, that is to saye. xii. wekes and one daye, And this is to vnderstande, CCC. & lxv. dayes, & .vi. houres.

¶ The dysposycyon of the fyrste season of the yere.

Capricornus, Aquarius, & Pisces.

The fyrste season of the yere that hath domynacyon of the bodye of man, is. iii. Monthes, and they be named these thre sygnes, Capricorne, Aquario, and Pisces. And these thre sygnes haue power of al fleumes of the body of man and woman, and they be colde & moyste, and they begyn to reygne the .xxiiii. day of December, & dureth vnto the .xxiiii. day of Marche.

¶ The dysposycyon of the seconde parte of the yere.

Aries, Taurus, and Gemini.

The seconde parte of the yere, is other. iii. Wonthes, and these be the sygnes, Aries, Taurus, and Gemini. And they haue power in the bodye of man of the blode, and they be hote and moyste, and they begyn to reygne the. xviiii. day of Marche, and dureth vnto the. xviiii. day of June.

¶ The dysposycyon of the thyrde season of the yere.

Cancer, Leo, and Virgo.

The thyrde season of the yere, be other. iii. Wonthes, and these be the sygnes, Cancer, Leo, and Virgo, and they haue power within the body of man of the yelowe Coolcs, and they be hote and drye, and they begynne to reygne the. xviiii. daye of June, and dureth vnto the. xviiii. daye of Septembre.

¶ The dysposycyon of the fourthe parte of the yere.

Libra, Scorpio, & Sagittarius.

The fourth parte of ye yere, be other. iii. Wonthes, & these be the sygnes Libra Scorpio, & Sagittarius, and they be

colde and drye, and they begynne to reygne the. xviiii. daye of September, and dureth vnto the. xviiii. daye of December. And by the maner of these. iiii. seasons, euery man may kepe hym from all contraryes of metes and drynkes, and clothynge, and from other contraryes. And yf a man wyll kepe hym after the maner that is rehersed in this boke, he shall neuer haue Infyrmytyes of body, by the grace of god, Take pelater of spayne and chawe it in thy mouth, for it is good to spourge the heed & the body. Also eate fenell sede, comyn sede, for eche of these sedes dystroye the fleumes that all the euyls in mannes body come of.

Eest.

¶ Ignis Iauentus et Estas.

¶ The water red and thynne, the grose male red and harde, the spetyll thycke and clammye. The sygnes Aries, Leo, and Sagitary, is gendred of colaryke, hote, and drye, and yf syckenes be take in these sygnes, it is great pretyll: but he haue his medycyne colde and moyste, & the dyete of the same cōplexiō then he may be healed by the grace of god.

Weſt.

¶ Ver Adoleſcentia Ver.

¶ The water red and thycke, the groſe matter reed and thynne, the ſpetyll thynne and ſwete, the extremytyues out of courſe, The ſygnes Gemini, Libra, and Aquarie, is engendred of ſanguyne, hote, and moyſte, the cure is colde and drye with dyete of the complexyon, caſcia ſiſtula in aqua vite.

Northe.

¶ Terra Senectus Autumpnus.

¶ The water whyte and thynne, the groſe make blacke and thycke, the ſpetyll thycke and ſowre, the extremytyues vnneth feled, The ſygnes Taurus, Virgo, and Capricornus: he is engendred of Malencoly colde and drye, the cure hote and moyſte with the dyete of the ſame complexyon.

Southe.

¶ Aqua Seminum et Hyems.

¶ The water whyte and thycke, the groſe matter whyte and thycke, the ſpetyll thynne

and swete, the extremytyues feble. The sig nes, Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces, he is en: gendred of fleume colde and moyst, the cure hote and drye of the same, purgatio trauis aqua vite, or in potage.

Eest.

¶ Doctours wordes that may not vary
Sayth that Aries, Leo, and Sagittary
These sygnes ben in specyall
Colorike, fyrry, and orientall.

Sowthe.

¶ This is determyned longe before,
That Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorne
As they accorde also with all
Be melancoly merydyonall.

west.

¶ Gemini, Libra, and Aquarie
Of one nature and not varie
Sanguyne and occydentall
This they: kynde in generall.

Nothe.

¶ Cancer, Scorpio, and Piſces theſe thre
Ben fleumatyke, who that lyſt ſe
And as bokes vs enſure
Septemtryonall of theyr nature.

¶ The dyſpoſycyon of the .xii. Monthes vpon blode lettynge.

Januarye.

IN the monthe of Januarye, let the no blode on the fyrſte daye for it is peryl-lous, ne on the .ii. daye, ne the .v. daye, ne the .x. daye, ne the .xv. daye, ne the .xix. daye, ne the .xx. daye, ne the .xxv. daye, but as often as thou wylte drynke good whyte wyne faſtynge. And alwaye take good hede of the dayes that be aboue wrytten, for they be peryllous for to be let blode on, but the ſygne be ryght good for blode lettynge.

Februarye

IN the monthe of Februarye, ete no por-tage of hokkes or maloye, for that is venym. And yf thou haue nede to blee

de, blede on the wryst on the vayne of thy thombe, but blede not on the.iiii.daye, ne on the.vi.daye, ne on the.viii.daye. But on the. xiiii.day is ryght good, ne blede not on the. xvii.daye, ne on the.xxvi. daye, ne on the. xxviii.day, but that the sygne be very good and thou mayst chose.

Marche.

In the monthe of Marche, eate fygges, treysyns, and swete meates & drynkes and hote meates. And let the blode on the ryght arme on the.v.daye, or on the.vii. daye, or on the.xvii.daye, for that is good agaynst all manr of Febres, but bewar blede not on the fyrste daye, ne the.xv.daye, ne on the.xvi.daye, ne on the.xix.daye, ne on the.xxviii.daye, and thou maye chose. And yf thou do loke that the sygne be rygh very good.

Apryll.

In the monthe of Aprylle, blede on the left arme on the iii.daye, or on the.vi. daye, or on the.xv.daye, and thou shalt haue no great hede ache, ne lese thy sygh

yere. And vse fresshe flesshe & hote meates, but blede not on the .vii. daye, ne on the .viii. daye, ne on the .v. daye, ne on the .xx. daye, for these dayes be not good for bledynge.

Maye.

IN the moneth of Maye, ryse erely, and eate & drynke by tyme, vse hote metes and drynkes, but eate neyther of hed nor fote whyle that Maye laste. And let the blode on the fyrste daye, or on the .xviii. daye, on whiche arme thou wylt, or on the .xxvii. daye, or on the .xxviii. daye, & it shall moche helpe the agaynst all maner of euylles. But beware that thou blede not on the .iii. daye, ne the .vi. daye, ne the .xxv. daye.

June.

IN the moneth of June, some Physytcyens saye, that it is good euery daye to drynke a quantyte of colde water fastynge. And take the of thy meate and thy drynke mesurably, and eate letuse & sawge, and yf thou haue nede to blede, blede on the .xxviii. daye for that is ryght good. But beware that thou blede not on the .vii. daye,

ne on the.x.daye, ne on the.xv.daye, ne on the.xvi.daye, ne on the.xvii.daye.

July.

IN the moneth of July, kepe the from lecherye, for than thy brayne and thy humours ben alwaye open. And blede not in this moneth, but yf thou haue great nede. And than beware alwaye that thou blede not vpon the.viii.daye, ne on the.xv. day, ne on the.xix.day, ne on the.xxii.day, for it is daungerous.

August.

IN the moneth of August, eate no maner of wortes, nor of no maner of hote meates nor drynkes of spycerye, nor blede not on the fyrst day, ne on the.x. day ne on the.xxix.day, ne on the.xxx.daye. The other dayes thou mayst blede for great nede yf the sygne be good for blode letting, but not els and thou loue thy selfe.

September.

IN the moneth of September, all maner

fruyte that is rype and not infected is good for to ete. And blede on the .xvii. daye, or on the .xxvii. daye [illegible] of the dropsy, frensy, and palsye, ne of the fallynge euyll drede the not of all that yeare. And yf thou haue nede to blede more, Beware that thou blede not on the .iii. day, ne on the .iiii. day, ne on the .vi. day, ne on the .xvi. day, ne on the .xvii. daye.

Octobre.

IN the monethe of Octobre, drynke goode and holsome wyne, and blede not, but that great nede make the, & loke that the sygne be very good. But yet beware that thou blede not on the .iii. daye, ne on the .vi. daye, ne on the .xvi. daye, ne on the .xviiii. day, and thou wylt do well.

Nouembre.

IN the moneth of Nouembre, blede not but for nede, for al thy blode is gadred that tyme vpon thy hed vayne. Bathe the not but dent the a lytell of grasyng, for than ben al thyne humours ouer quycke for to blede, and yf case be that thou haue great nede for to blede, beware of the .v. daye, and

the.vi.daye, and the.xv.daye, and the.xix daye, & the.xxviii.daye, & the.xxix.daye.

December.

IN the monthe of Decembre, blede not but yf thou haue great nede for the case. And blede than on the.xxvi.daye, for it is rygh̄t good. And in case thou haue more nede for to blede, beware of the.vii. daye, and the.xv.daye, and of the.xvi.daye, and of the.xvii.daye, and of the.xvii.daye, and in this monthe come nygh no fyre with thy shankes.

¶ For to vnderstande and knowe the yeres that shal be plentuous and in great habundaunce of goodes.

¶ In die dominica/ That is Sondaye.

IN the yeare that Janyuere shall entre on the Sondaye, the wynter shall be colde and moyste, and the somer shall be hote, & the tyme of harueste shall be wyndy and rayny with great habundaunce of

corne, of wynes, and of other graynes, and of all Gardayne fruyte and herbes. There shall be lytell Oyle, habundaunce shall be of all manet of flesshe, some great newes shall men here spoken, of Kynges, of Prelates of the churche, and other erthly prynces, great warres and robboryes shall be made, and many yonge people shall dye.

¶ In die Lune/ that is Monday.

IN the yeare that Janyuere shall entre on the Mondaye, the wynter shall be peasyble ynoughe, and the somer shall be very temperate. Than shall be great flodes of waters, that shall breke out of theyr lymytt, and bondes, and many shyps vpon the see shall perysshe, and in that yeare shall raygne dyuerse syckenes, chaunges of great lordes shall be made, many women shall perysshe in trauaylynge with chylde, many great lordes shall dye. That yere shall be lytell grasse and mustarde sede, but there shall be plenty of corne & wynes, and good chepe flesshe, and lytell oyle.

¶ In die Martis/ that is Tuesdaye.

In the yeare that Janyuere shall enter on the Tuesdaye, the wynter shall be chaungeable and not stedfast, for in the prymetyme, of treuth it shall freese, and shall hurte sore the Rye, the Dynes, and the flowres, & the somer shall be drye, hote, and burnynge, in so moche that the herbes of the gardaynes shall haue no power to come out of the graūde. All thynges shall be dere, saue onely corne, many men shall dye of the bloudy flyxe. There shall be no tydynges of thondres lyghtynynges, & tempestes, But all flesshe shall be dere, many wynes shall tourne.

¶ In die Mercurij/ that is wednesday.

In the yere that Janyuere shall enter on the wednesdaye, the wynter shall be temperate, but in the ende there shall be snowes and frost. The prymetyme shall be rayny, great habundaūce of all cornes, of wynes, of fruytes, of hay, of grasse, & generally of all good thynges. The somer shall be a lytell cloudy, by the whiche therof shall come great syckenes, poore labourers & handecraftes and artyfycers, shall gayne well this yeare. Many theues shall be, by whom the meane people shall be sore pylled & dyscō

forted, great warres, batayll, & slaughters shall be towardes the myddes of the yere, by the whiche shall come great goodes to some men. In the ende of the yere there shall be dyuers pestylences, botches, & fallynge euyls, and in especyall nepte the see.

¶ In die Iouis/ that is Thursdaye.

IN the yeare that Januere shall enter on the Thursday, the wynter shall be longe and drye, and this yeare shall be very holsome. The pryme tyme shall be very wyndy, the somer shall be good and temperate, and Haruest shall be very rayny, by the whiche the waters shall sore breke out of theyr bondes. The wheete & wynes shall be good chepe, there shall be of gtes, of hay, of grasse, & of fruytes cõpetently ynoughe, great warre & dyuysyon shall be, betweene the churche and the kynges, and the prynces and in the ende, the prynces shall haue victories of theyr enterpryses, women shall set them selfe moche to lechery, the people shall be well eased of taxes and tallages.

¶ In die veneris/ that is frydaye.

In the yere that Janyuere shall enter on the Frydaye, the wynter shall be longe and drye. And the sōmer vnholsome, haruest shall be drye, all corne shall be dere. The vyntage shall be good ynonghe, and habudauce of oyle, of fruyte, of hay, of grasse, & of all gardayne herbes. The world shall be sore persecuted with dyuerse syckenesses, as of sore iyes, & of all etyckes, many yonge chyldren shall dye. Great thondres, lyghtnynges, & tempestes shal be, that shall greue sore all the goodes of the grouide. There shall be earthe quakes, & good chepe cloth poore people shall gayne lytell or nothyng, many beestes shall dye for hungre, for the dyuersyte and maladye of the tyme.

¶ In die Sabbati/ that is Saterdaye.

In the yeare that Janyuere shall enter on the Saterday, the wynter shall be temperate suffycyently. And in the pryme tyme shall be frostes, the whiche shall dystroye the tyes, the vynes, the oyles, and the fruytes. The sōmer shall be metely temperate, the haruest tyme shal be dry, the otes and other corne shall be good chepe, all gardayne herbes shall be good chepe ynonghe,

and flesshe shall be good chepe, many olde people shall dye: feuers tercyans shall greue sore the worlde, that shall be sycke throughe euyll hete. And many murmuracyons, warres, and murdres shall be done, by the one agaynst the other, and neyghbours agaynst neyghbours, and many other cases shall be often cōmytted and done.

¶ Here foloweth the course of the Moone.

¶ He that is borne the fyrste day of the moone, shall be longe lyued.

¶ He that is borne the .ii. daye, shall be metely longe lyued.

¶ He that is borne ẏ .iii. day shall be syckely.

¶ He that is borne the .iiii. daye, shall be apte to entreat matters for a cōmon welth.

¶ He that is borne the .v. daye, shall dye beynge but yonge.

¶ He that is borne the .vi. daye, shall be longe lyued.

¶ He that is borne the .vii. daye, shal be longe lyued, profytable and worldly.

¶ He that is borne the .viii. daye, shall dye shortly.

¶ He that is borne the .ix. daye, shal be a getter and gatherer togyther of ryches.

¶ He that is borne the .x. daye, shall delyte to vysyte & se dyuerse & straunge countrees.
¶ He that is borne the .xi. daye, shall be dylygent in serchynge out of doubtes.
¶ He that is borne the .xii. daye, shall be a relygyous man.
¶ He that is borne the .xiii. daye shall be obstynate, wyllynge to leite euery man of his purpose.
¶ He that is borne the .xiiii. day, shall away with euery man.
¶ He that is borne the .xv. daye, shall dye yonge.
¶ He that is borne the .xvi. daye, shall be longe lyued and poore.
¶ He that is borne the .xvii. daye, shall be vnfortunate.
¶ He that is borne the .xviii. daye, shall not lyue longe.
¶ He that is borne the .xix. daye, shal be fortunate to honoure.
¶ He that is borne the .xx. daye, shall be valyaunt myghty and stronge in warres.
¶ He that is borne the .xxi. daye, shall be myscheuous and vntrue.
¶ He that is borne the .xxii. daye, shall be a great labourer in the worlde.
¶ He ẏ is borne the .xxiii. day, shall be bab-

dy & gyuen to the fylthy lust of the flesshe.
¶ He y is borne the .xxiiii. day shalbe ryche.
¶ He that is borne the .xxv. daye, shall be in peryl & ieopardy of his lyfe many wayes.
¶ He that is borne the .xxvi. daye, shall be in a meane state, neyther very ryche, ne yet poore but well at his ease.
¶ He that is borne the .xxvii. daye, shall be amyable and well beloued.
¶ He that is borne the .xxviii. daye, shall be neclygent in his busynes.
¶ He that is borne the .xxix. daye, shall endeuer hym selfe to goodnes alwaye.
¶ He that is borne the .xxx. daye, shall be a great occupyer.

¶ Hereafter foloweth to shewe what Thondre, in euery moneth of the yere thaunsynge doth protende & sygnyfye.

Thondre in Januarye, betokenethe great wyndes, habundaunce and plentye of corne, & batell in the same yere.
¶ In February it pronounceth great death and namely of ryche men.
¶ In Marche great tempestyous wyndes, and habundaunce of corne.

¶ In Aprill it protendeth a merry & fruytfull yere to come to good & true people, for vnthryftes as theyes and such other be lyke to dye fast that yere.

¶ In may it sygnyfyeth scarsnes of cornes, and hungre amonge the people.

¶ In June it sheweth to vs great wynde falles by reason of tempestes of wyndes to be that yeare.

¶ In July a ryghte good and seasonable harueste, but the yonge fruyte of beestes, of lyklyhod shall perysshe.

¶ In August it wyll that all thynges do prosperously succede to the cõmon welth sauynge that many shall fall sycke that yere.

¶ In Septembre plentyth of cornes, and slaughter of great men.

¶ In Octobre it doth pronostycate scarsenes of corne and of fruytes, and also blusterynge of wyndes.

¶ In Nouembre corne ynough and Jocunde yeare to men.

¶ In Decembre a good harueste season, peace concorde & vnyte amonge the people that yere.

¶ Thus endeth the pronostycacyon of gouernaunce for euer,
of Esra Patter.

¶ Imprynted by me Robert Wyer, dwel lynge at the sygne of saynt Johñ Euãgelyst, in saynt Martyns parysshe, besyde Charynge Crosse.

¶ Cum priuilegio Regali.

ROBERT WYER